

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-7 have been amended. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled without prejudice. No Claims have been added.

Specification Objections

The Applicants believe that the amendments to the specification have overcome the Examiner's objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

As an initial matter, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his thorough search and for finding allowable subject matter. Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,609,213 (hereinafter "Nguyen"). The Applicants respectfully disagree. However, to expedite allowance of the allowed claims, claims 1-3 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 4-13 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's instruction to put the case in condition for allowance. Thus, claims 4-13 should now be allowed to issue.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Adam Furst at (408) 947-8200.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Specification under 37 CFR 1.125:

Additional details of the storage sever 3600 are disclosed in U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/268,694 and in the following co-pending, commonly owned U.S. patent applications: U.S. Application No. ~~xx/~~, 10/077,696, filed February 13, 2002 (attorney docket no. 20949P-000200US), titled Silicon Based Storage Virtualization Server, U.S. Application No. ~~xx/~~, 10/076,855, filed February 13, 2002 (attorney docket no. 20949P-000300US), titled Storage Virtualization and Storage Management to Provide Higher Level Storage Services, U.S. Application No. ~~xx/~~, 10/076,909, filed February 13, 2002 (attorney docket no. 20949P-000500US), titled Method and Apparatus for Identifying Storage Devices, U.S. Application No. ~~xx/~~, 10/077,482, filed February 13, 2002 (attorney docket no. 20949P-000600US, title System and Method for Policy Based Storage Provisioning and Management, U.S. Application No. ~~xx/~~, 10/077,181, filed February 13, 2002, (attorney docket no. 20949P-000700US), title Virtual Data Center, U.S. Application No. ~~xx/~~, 10/076,906, filed February 13, 2002, (attorney docket no. 20949P-000800US), titled Failover Processing in a Storage System, U.S. Application No. ~~xx/~~, 10/077,199, filed February 13, 2002, (attorney docket no. 20949P-000900US), titled RAID at Wire Speed, U.S. Application No. 10/076,878, filed February 13, 2002, (attorney docket no. 20949P-001000US), Method for Device Security in a Heterogeneous Storage Network Environment, all of which are herein incorporated by reference for all purposes.